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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/987,822	Applicant(s) TAZZIA ET AL.	
	Examiner Edward J. Cain	Art Unit 1714	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,6-8,10-18,20-27,29-31,33-37 and 40-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,5,9,19,28,32,38 and 39 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 10-13, 16-18, 20-27, 29-31, 33-36 and 40-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EP '818.

EP '818 discloses electrodeposition coating compositions comprising water dispersible resins and blocked isocyanate crosslinking agents (see abstract and component 9). The dispersible resins taught as suitable include hydroxy functional tertiary amine containing acrylic resins with functional group contents meeting the limitations of the instant claims (page 4, lines 31-38). Particle sizes as claimed instantly are taught at claim 3. Applicants' claimed values for corrosion resistance and gloss retention are seen as inherent to the compositions of the reference since the chemical limitations of the instant claims are met.

Therefore, the rejected claims are anticipated by the reference.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-8, 10-15, 20-27, 29-31, 33-37 and 40-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Song et al.

Song et al disclose electrodeposition coating compositions comprising cationic resins, blocked isocyanate crosslinkers and less than 2% VOC (abstract). These compositions are further taught as comprising cationic tertiary amine functional resins with a functional group content meeting applicants' limitations and a degree of neutralization of 20-100% (column 6, lines 48-49 and synthetic example 1). Particle

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sizes and percent solids such as claimed instantly are taught at claim 6. Applicants claimed corrosion resistance and gloss retention properties are seen as inherent to the compositions of the reference due to their meeting the chemical limitations of the instant claims.

Therefore the reference anticipates the rejected claims.

Claims 2, 5, 9, 19, 28, 32 and 38-39 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward J. Cain whose telephone number is (571) 272-1118. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 10:00 to 6:00.

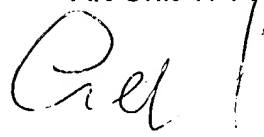
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan, can be reached on 571 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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